

**BRIEFING NOTE****TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: PSFDH****FROM: KATE STOLEE, COS****DATE: Feb 23, 2021****TOPIC: MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD:**

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Key items to report on:

**CREDENTIALS:** To be presented in closed session**RECRUITMENT:**

Ophthalmology

Urology

Family Medicine: 6 new PCP coming to the area (2 Cornelia Court Family Medicine, 2 Perth Medical Center, 2 Tay River Health clinic)

**COVID-19:**

- In LLG and in SE region, prevalence remains below 10/100,000 and we remain in the green zone
- With the Variant of Concern (VOC) concern there may be a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave. Public Health is testing all positive cases for the variant. Early modelling suggests there may be a peak in the communities by mid-March followed by a spike in hospital admissions by end of March.
- The SE regional Critical Care Command Table and the SE sub Region IMS committees continue to meet regularly to review and discuss issues such as the current status of our regions critical care resources (beds, vents, HR, supplies) during Wave 2 and readiness strategies if there is hospital pressure from a Wave 3, Ministry directives for transporting covid patients from high capacity/pressure hospitals that affect us, updates on covid activity in our region (prevalence, bed utilization, swab test turn around time, contact tracing.
- Vaccination Update

**STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT**

- Feedback that I have received from some of the physicians that attended was very positive. They appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with the Board members to discuss their vision going forward. They felt it was a very productive 2 days. They want to make sure that the momentum generated continues and look forward to continuing the dialogue.

**NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE: GYNECOLOGY FERTILITY PROGRAM**

- Up to 17% of couples in Canada experience problems conceiving. More and more couples are seeking medical assistance. Unfortunately, there is a long waiting list for access to surgical services for fertility issues in Ontario.
- In conjunction with one of our privileged Ob-Gyn specialists who currently provides ob-gyn services on weekends and the PSFDH OR department, females with fertility issues will have access on a trial basis to out patient surgical services both diagnostic and interventional.
- Dr Alhajri is a seasoned ob-gyn specialist with a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology/Infertility who has provided services at PSFDH for 4 years. She is highly regarded by her Obstetrical and Surgical colleagues and patients. Her primary office for fertility care is in Ottawa.

- With a blend of both OHIP and non-OHIP funded cases, PSFDH will now only have the opportunity to meet some of the needs of these women, but based on an in-depth business case, will also have an opportunity to generate revenue for the hospital.
- The decision to continue with this program after 6 months will be based on a number of factors that include a demonstration that the demand for services is sufficient to fill a full OR day on a monthly basis and the ongoing availability of OR time and resources as the OR department expands services in other areas such as ophthalmology and urology.
- Other Women's Health Initiatives at this hospital include; access to high quality mammography examinations as PSFDH is a designated Ontario Breast Screening Program site, host of the Lanark County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence program.

## MAC:

### Chief of Family Medicine:

- A motion was unanimously passed to recommend to the board the appointment of Dr Peter Cunniffe as the new Chief of Family Medicine for the term April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024.
- ***Request a motion from the Board to approve this appointment.***

### COVID-19 mRNA Vaccination Medical Directive

- Developed by Pharmacy, approved by P&T and brought to MAC for approval
- Gives authority to delegate RN and RPN's employed at the hospital the ability for vaccinating recipients. There are detailed terms and conditions about who the recipient is, how the procedure is done, all consents and documentation required, dosing, indications, absolute contraindications, special circumstances quality monitoring of both Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations

### Leadership Course: Insights Discovery

- 2-day ZOOM course attended by most physician members of the MAC
- 4 steps to improving our Personal Effectiveness: deeper understanding of ourselves, how to recognize and appreciate how others think, decide and behave differently, understand how to adapt to be able to connect with others, commit to some action to put learning into action.
- Feedback about the course was very positive.
- Plan to continue with an annual Leadership courses sponsored through the Chief of Staff budget that will be open to professional staff.

### Joint Conference Committee:

- The MAC was provided with the Terms of Reference for the committee. At the time of the MAC meeting, the minutes of the first adhoc meeting had not been distributed. Attendees to the recent meeting, Donna Howard, Mark Roberts and Anil Kuchinad provided positive comments about the process and the opportunity this venue provided to share issues of concern. Dr Kuchinad's comment to the members: "to build trust with transparency" nicely summarized one of the opportunities that this type of two-way communication with the board can achieve.
- At MAC, an opportunity for President of Medical Staff to provide a report to the committee will now be included as a standing item.

Respectfully submitted

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